

Transitional Housing Program-Plus (THP-Plus) for Emancipated Foster Youth

Program Description

The THP-Plus is a transitional housing placement opportunity for young adults, at least 18 and up to their 24th birthday, who emancipated from the child welfare or probation systems. The goal of the program is to provide a safe living environment while helping them to develop the life skills they currently may not have. The program provides supervised transitional living housing and supportive services based on a Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP). The TILP is developed by the young adult and other supportive persons, and details the goals and objectives he/she will achieve while working towards self-sufficiency.

Program Requirements

Participant Eligibility:

- Eligible young adults who have emancipated from foster care/probation in a county that has an approved program plan.
- The maximum time for THP-Plus participation is 24 cumulative months.

County Eligibility

- Counties submit Letter of Intent and program plan.
- A county must have an approved plan in order for youth, who emancipated from that county, to participate.

Provider Eligibility:

- To become a THP-Plus provider, contact the county's Social Service Agency, ILP Coordinator.
- The county certifies the provider's program plan.

Housing Requirements

- Acceptable residential units include apartments, single family dwellings, condominiums, college dormitories, and host family models.
- Publicly supervised or privately operated shelters, or other living situations, including those with friends, family members, and others that provide temporary accommodation, are not acceptable.

Certification Standards

- The THP-Plus provider's program is certified and the placement must receive a fire clearance from the local fire department (if required by county law).
- The standards are found at Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 11403.2 and 16522.2 and Health and Safety Code Section 1559.110

Funding

THP-Plus is funded 100% General Fund.

THP-Plus Allocation

Funding for THP-Plus has grown from \$400,000 in F/Y 2004/05 to \$40.8 million in F/Y 2008/09. Due to Budget Reductions, THP-Plus funding was reduced by approximately \$5 million in FY 2009/10.

Participating Counties

*FY 2010/2011 Counties: Alameda, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Los Angeles, Mariposa, Madera, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Nevada, Orange, Placer, Plumas, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, Ventura, Yolo, Yuba, a total of 54 counties.

Counties participating FY 2009/2010 – 52
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Total allocation FY 2009/2010 - \$35,709,000 SGF
Average Rate Paid FY 2009/2010 - \$2,353
*Average Rate Requested FY 2010/2011 \$2,559

Additional information/regulations may be found at www.cdss.ca.gov, under Find Services, Foster Care or contact the Transitional Housing Coordinator at:

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